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Dear Josh:

Unfortunately your Jerusalem article arrived much too late for use on the weekend you intended and then, we all felt, events overtook it. I must say, too, that even the copy that you mailed from the West Coast arrived late. I am therefore returning both to you.

As for the postscript that you dictated, we all felt that we could not carry it as in effect it was an editorial statement and we really don't think you ought to have to either apologize or explain yourself editorially.

As for your longer manuscript, I have not as yet had a chance to read it but hope I can get to it soon.

Finally I think that it is fascinating about your ancestors and Palestine. Did I read your penscratch correctly -- Lederbergs have been in Israel for 120 years?

I should note at this writing that I am about to embark on a four to five month special study for the company on where technology might be pushing or pulling communications. Please continue to send your column to me and my secretary, Mrs. Whitehead, will see that it gets to where it should go. She will also know where I am hiding if you need me.

Best regards,

*Howard*

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Enclosures.